

City of Fayetteville
Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting
Minutes
June 18, 2015

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Clifton called the meeting to order, followed by Opening Prayer and led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Mickey Edwards, Edward Johnson, Paul Oddo, and James Williams. Councilmember Scott Stacy was absent. Staff members present were City Manager Ray Gibson and City Clerk Anne Barksdale.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of June 4, 2015. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Clifton called Consider #0-8-15 – Annexation Parcels #05-35-001 & #05-35-008 – Pinewood Forrest – 2nd Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated this item needs to be tabled until the next City Council meeting as the results have not been completed for the State DRI (Development of Regional Impact) study in which this item could then move forward.

There were no public comments.

Oddo moved to table #0-8-15 – Annexation Parcels #05-35-001 & #05-35-008 – Pinewood Forrest until the next City Council meeting. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider #0-9-15 – Initial Zoning Parcels #05-35-001 & #05-35-008 – to PCD (Planned Community District) – Pinewood Forrest – 2nd Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated this item needs to be tabled until the next City Council meeting as the results have not been completed for the State DRI study in which this item could then move forward.

There were no public comments.

Oddo moved to table #0-9-15 – Initial Zoning Parcels #05-35-001 & #05-35-008 – to PCD (Planned Community District) – Pinewood Forrest until the next City Council meeting. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider #0-11-15 – Annexation – 467 Veteran’s Parkway – R-70 (County) to PCD (City) – 2nd Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated this item needs to be tabled until the next City Council meeting as the results have not been completed for the State DRI study in which this item could then move forward.

There were no public comments.

Johnson moved to table #0-11-15 – Annexation – 467 Veteran’s Parkway – R-70 (County) to PCD (City) until the next City Council meeting. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider #0-12-15 – Rezoning – 467 Veteran’s Parkway – R-70 (County) to PCD (City) – 2nd Reading.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated this item needs to be tabled until the next City Council meeting as the results have not been completed for the State DRI study in which this item could then move forward.

There were no public comments.

Oddo moved to table #0-12-15 – Rezoning – 467 Veteran’s Parkway – R-70 (County) to PCD (City), Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called #0-14-15 – Proposed FY 2016 Budget.

Ray Gibson, City Manager gave an overview of the FY 2016 Budget.

Mike Bush, Director of Finance and Administration and Carleetha Talmadge, Assistant Director of Finance discussed in detail the different funds/line items of the FY 2016 Budget.

FUND**GENERAL FUND**

General Government	\$ 1,404,529
Judicial	\$ 639,082
Public Safety	\$ 7,523,883
Public Works	\$ 1,019,615
Housing and Development	\$ 616,472
Other Uses	\$ 337,969
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 11,541,550

ENTERPRISE FUNDS:

Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 6,423,259
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 640,685
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$ 7,063,944

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS \$ 416,080

TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$ 7,103,557

TOTAL COMPONENT UNITS \$ 1,164,420

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$ 27,289,551

Mayor Clifton stated this was posted for 1st Reading.

Old Business:

Mayor Clifton called Consider R-20-15 – Final Adoption of 2015 Annual Update to Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP).

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated that each year the City is required to update its Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Work Program of the Comprehensive Plan. The 2015 update was prepared by Staff, along with a project consultant from Bill Ross + Associates. The Capital Improvements Element lists all of the Capital Improvements (CIE) that the City has planned. The Community Work Program (CWP) lists the City's planned major projects and a list of accomplishments detailing the progress that has been made on that list.

In May 2015, Mayor and Council adopted a transmittal resolution and CIE/CWP draft update which was sent to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review and approval per the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements issued by the State of Georgia. That review was recently completed and the draft submittals were deemed compliant. Per these same requirements, Mayor and Council must now formally adopt (via

resolution) the final document as the official 2015 update. These will be submitted to ARC which completes the annual requirement.

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution for the 2015 Capital Improvements Element Update to satisfy the compliance requirements for Development Impact Fees issued by the State of Georgia.

Johnson moved to approve R-20-15 – Final Adoption of 2015 Annual Update to Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and Community Work Program (CWP). Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Clifton called Consider R-19-15 – Noise Abatement Construction Recommendation.

Chris Hindman, Director of Public Services stated with Council's approval in January 2015 to move forward with bidding out abatement construction options for the noise from the wastewater plant, staff bid out the project with the opening on April 2nd. After receiving no bids for the project it was immediately sent out to bid again with a bid opening on May 21st. Staff called several vendors to make them aware of the RFP being available, but once again we had no success as no bids were received on May 21st.

After being unsuccessful with the two publicized bids, staff is recommending that we move forward with the engineering consultant that performed the initial sound study, Art USA Noise Control Products, Incorporated. The consultant would be approved to perform the construction of a 12 foot high "L" shaped wall specifically designed to absorb sounds with a reduction of 12-15 dBA. Also, 500 square feet of sound absorbing panels would need to be installed inside of the south blower building with a 3-4 dBA reduction and designed to specifically lower the frequency range of 63 and 125 Hz, which is what we believe is causing the complaint from the community. The estimated cost of the project is \$48,000. We have verified that the consultant will honor the price of \$48,000 for the anticipated construction.

If approved, staff will pay for the project out of the repairs and maintenance budget for the wastewater plant.

Johnson moved to approve R-19-15 – Noise Abatement Construction Recommendation for Art USA to proceed with contract in the amount of \$48,000. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Authorization to Modify Existing IGA with Fayette County for Roundabout Alternative – Veteran's Parkway.

Brian Wismer, Director of Community Development stated the City and County entered into an intergovernmental agreement in August 2013 to address multiple issues concerning the annexation

of numerous properties in the West Fayetteville area. One of those issues addressed the placement of a multi-use path tunnel which would serve to connect the Pinewood Studio site to adjacent development, either on Sandy Creek Road or Veterans Parkway. When the IGA was adopted, much of the future development was at the conceptual level, so the exact placement of the tunnel was to be determined mutually by the City and County based on future needs.

Recently, the developer of Pinewood Studios and the adjacent Pinewood Forrest presented a modified concept plan that included a roundabout which could serve the primary entrances of both developments on Veterans Parkway. The additional benefits that a roundabout at this location would bring include traffic calming on Veterans Parkway and the elimination of needing a future signalized intersection on a street intended for continuous vehicular flow. Because of the reduced speeds that roundabouts create, the potential exists for multi-use crossings to be designed at-grade within the roundabout exterior.

If this can be achieved, it may be a more prudent use of funds to redirect the committed dollars necessary for construction of a tunnel, to instead be used for the construction of a roundabout, which would serve and benefit all forms of ground transportation. Staff requests authorization from City Council to confirm these findings via a cost comparison estimate for a tunnel vs. roundabout, as well as acquiring pedestrian safety data that would support a multi-use crossing at-grade, along the exterior of a roundabout based on the projected traffic counts. Upon acquiring this information, if the data is supportive, the City will then need to work with County representatives to gain their mutual support in modifying the existing IGA for this purpose. This modification would later be presented and adopted at future public meetings of the Fayetteville City Council and Fayette County Commission.

Bill Foley of Foley Design discussed the positive attributes of having a roundabout instead of a tunnel such as lower cost to build & aesthetics. In the future he suggested to have an impact study on traffic flow completed and that this road go from two lanes to four lanes. He also asked if the City could get a traffic statistics report on the Grady Avenue roundabout vs. the old, previous intersection.

Oddo moved to approve the Authorization to Modify Existing IGA with Fayette County for Roundabout Alternative – Veteran's Parkway. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton called Consider Cancellation of the July 2nd City Council Meeting.

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk stated in keeping with past City Council action, we would like to cancel the July 2nd Council meeting due to the close proximity to the Fourth of July holiday. City administrative offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. She said our next regular Council meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

Johnson moved to approve cancellation of the July 2, 2015 City Council meeting. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Ray Gibson, City Manager stated Council will be receiving a memo soon about the City Health Insurance plans for FY 2016, describing the three options that will be available.

He said we have Lunch on the Lawn tomorrow at the Old Courthouse from 11:30 – 1:30, Market Day will be Saturday from 10:00 – 2:00, and there also is the Somerset Jazz Concert on Sunday at the Southern Ground Amphitheater.

City Council and Committee Reports:

Councilman Johnson said the community meeting Tuesday morning at the Fayette County Justice Center was very successful. He added the community leaders showed that they are unified against violence in Fayette County.

Executive Session:

Mayor Clifton stated Council needed to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition.

Johnson moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition. Oddo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Oddo moved to return to the Regular City Council Meeting. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clifton stated we would be making a final offer to Dairy Queen on property acquisition and that Dairy Queen would have 48 hours to respond, which would be Monday, June 22, 2015. He added, if necessary Council would have a called meeting for Tuesday morning (June 23rd) to discuss condemnation of property in question.

Williams moved to approve making a final offer to Dairy Queen on property acquisition, with Dairy Queen having 48 hours to respond (by Monday, June 22, 2015), and that if necessary Council would have a called meeting for Tuesday morning (June 23rd) to discuss condemnation of property in question. Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Clifton said he and Council would be attending the annual Georgia Municipal Association Conference in Savannah June 26th – 30th.

He said the road grading has begun on The Ridge Nature Trail project.

Mayor Clifton attended the groundbreaking on the new Piedmont-Fayette Hospital addition yesterday.

There were no public comments.

Oddo moved to adjourn the meeting. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Barksdale, City Clerk